

CLAIMS:

1. An adhesive sticker for use in identifying compact disks, said sticker comprising:

a rounded sheet of material having structure defining a central circular aperture of a diameter greater than 15 mm,

said rounded sheet of material having a thickness less than 0.4 mm,

said rounded sheet of material having an outer diameter of less than 30 mm;

said circular sheet of material having a first face bearing printed indicia thereon identifying a compact disk corresponding to said circular sheet of material;

said rounded sheet of material having a second face remote from said first face, said second face being coated with an adhesive; and

said rounded sheet of material including means for inducing misalignment between said rounded sheet of material and an identically shaped sheet of material adhered to the central portion of a compact disk as said rounded sheet of material is adhered to said compact disk.

2. The sticker as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said misalignment inducing means includes a plurality of irregular features formed in the outer margin of said rounded sheet of material.

3. The sticker as set forth in Claim 2 wherein said irregular features include notches formed in an outer margin of said rounded sheet of material.

4. The sticker as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said misalignment inducing means includes said central circular aperture having a diameter at least 0.5 mm greater than the diameter of a central hole in said compact disk.

5. The adhesive sticker as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said printed indicia includes an identifier for use in retrieving data catalog information from a database including a catalog listing of data files on said disk.

6. A method for identifying compact disks, said method comprising the steps of:

obtaining a compact disk;

producing an adhesive label having dimensions of sufficient tolerances not to interfere with the operation of a compact disk drive mechanism, said label bearing printed indicia identifying said compact disk; and
applying said label to said compact disk.

5 *Sub C11* 7. The method as set forth in Claim 6 including a step of producing a list of data files stored on said compact disk.

Sub a2 8. The method as set forth in Claim 7 including a step of storing said list of data files in a computer database providing means for associating a specific data file from said list of data files with said printed indicia corresponding to said compact disk.

10 *Sub C11* 9. The method as set forth in Claim 6 including a step of using statistical comparative analysis sampling to provide a data signature confirming the identity of said disk.

15 10. The method as set forth in Claim 6 including a step of writing an electronic identifier to said disk.

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